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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Communication mailed on June 9, 2005
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Please cancel the current Abstract and replace it with the following new
Abstract:

ABSTRACT

Novel viral vectors in which the expression of viral genes is regulated in such a way that it is functional in a complementation cell and non-functional in a host cell, a well as viral particles and host cells containing said novel vectors, are disclosed. A complementation cell including a viral gene expression regulator, and a method for preparing infectious viral particles, are also disclosed. Finally, a pharmaceutical composition containing the vectors, and the therapeutical use thereof, are disclosed.